

Compass PLUS (Compass Learning Centres Extended Provision)

Based near Southover Woods nr Tolpuddle, Dorset we have a provision that offers opportunities for students who would benefit from learning outside of the traditional classroom. We have developed a pathway for students to get back to learning using a very different environment to a traditional school, exploiting the outdoors, having a relaxed and nurturing atmosphere, using highly skilled staff and at a pace that is flexible to the individuals needs.

This provision is for KS4 students who are likely to have been out of education for some time and need a way to reignite a passion for learning but in a non-traditional way. Students will need to enjoy being in the outdoors, getting their hands dirty and enjoy all weathers, aswell as some formal teaching of core subjects and lifeskills based in our large safari tents. Students need to be comfortable with this type of learning environment in order to develop and progress. Reviews will take place each term to determine progress and if the setting is the right place for all students. If you are someone who is not keen on the outdoors and large open spaces then this may not suit your needs.

The programme combines English and maths teaching with time working in the outdoors on lifeskills, bushcraft skills, cooking in the outdoors, DIY skills, vocational studies and maintenance of a large site to put everything into practice. We offer a range of activities in the afternoon to suit the group. You will work in a rotation with highly skilled staff from Outdoor education and school backgrounds.

Students will have the opportunity to take formal exams in order to gain qualifications that are appropriate for them.

Our main teaching areas, apart from the great outdoors, are large Safari style tents where the English and maths will be taught. Resources are provided for the students to be able to learn and the use of the internet is limited due to location but is something we are looking to develop in the future. ICT equipment is currently not available to students. An example of the classrooms can be seen below.



Transport to and from the venue will be organised by The Compass learning Centre and will typically be a taxi from and to the students home address and is likely to be shared with other students who live in the same area or on route.

The future-

The long term plan is to develop this provision as an alternative to a traditional school experience, this will be very different, the environment alone!. It can be a place to enjoy learning and be creative, develop relationships, build confidence and lifeskills. Formal qualifications can still be achieved.